

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 233

February 5, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands and revises relevant factors courts are to consider when making a custody determination of a minor child in an annulment, divorce, or separation suits. Requires the court to consider the physical, mental, and emotional fitness and character of each parent as it relates to the parent's ability to parent the child. Authorizes the trial court to require either or both parents to provide healthcare records, including mental health records, and require either or both parents to undergo a physical and mental evaluation in making such determination. Requires the court to consider each parent's ability to instruct, inspire, and encourage the child to develop skills and character necessary to become a successful adult who will contribute to and compete successfully in society.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation makes various changes to factors the court must consider in determining child custody arrangements.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from the proposed changes will be incurred by private parties.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the provisions of the proposed legislation could lengthen custody determinations; however, any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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